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State Senator Eric Coleman
State Representative Art Feltman
Chairmen
Continuing Legislative Committee on Planning and Economic Development
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Chairmen Coleman and Feltman:

The matter of a vote taken on July 10, 2008 remains of particular concern to me. On that date the Continuing Legislative Committee on Planning and Economic Development voted by a 3-2 margin to approve the application of Messrs. Abele and Donner of Norwich to override the recommendation of the State Plan of Conservation and Development. A careful analysis of the record of the meeting will reveal there were significant questions about the position of Norwich officials on the matter. Despite that a vote was taken.

Several explanations have been uncovered this week as to why there was no representation of Norwich before your committee. Notice had been tendered by one Norwich Planning official indicating the City would not seek or would pass on the opportunity to have a public hearing on the matter. While I am quite certain I was properly noticed by the Committee Clerk, that call of the meeting apparently was lost in the several hundred emails that I receive each day.

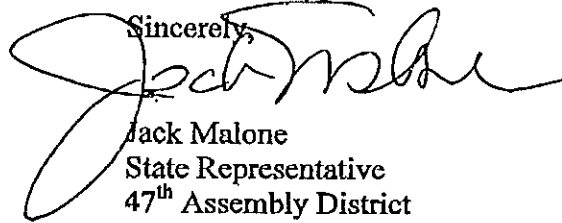
Officials in Norwich have indicated to me that not enough attention to the matter was placed on the committee's meeting because it was scheduled in the middle of the vacation season.

In hindsight, it was a serious matter that deserved a great deal of thought and consideration. It is not a matter that should have been taken lightly because it does alter the carefully crafted State Plan of Conservation and Development. Most importantly, the vote has serious ramifications for rural Norwich and deserved to be properly vetted before the citizens of our community.

Therefore, I would respectfully request that when your committee next convenes you allow a motion to be made and rule favorably on having this vote reconsidered. I have carefully examined the statutes and rules governing our committee and learned that such a motion would be properly before the committee—it would be the Chairmen's prerogative to rule favorably on reconsideration.

I am quite certain that members of the committee would, if properly and fully informed, vote wisely on the matter. I thank you for your time and attention to this request and the positive response I trust it will bring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Malone", written over the typed name and title.

Jack Malone
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